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SENATE RESOLUTION 214  
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A RESOLUTION to honor Pete and Wanda Craven on the  
celebration of their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes great pleasure in honoring those successful marriages that have served as standards for present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, on June 14, 1952, Pete and Wanda Craven were joined in holy matrimony by the Reverend Kenneth Combs in Oak Ridge; since that wonderful day, this outstanding couple has faced the world as one, depending upon their love for each other during life's joys and sorrows; and

WHEREAS, high school sweethearts since 1949, they were both faithful members of the Central Baptist Church, formerly known as the Highland View Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, after their wedding, Mr. and Mrs. Craven moved to Ft. Walton Beach, Florida where Pete Craven, a member of the United States Air Force, was stationed; and

WHEREAS, shortly after the birth of their daughter, Vicky, in November of 1955, Pete Craven was assigned a tour of duty in Paris, France; the Craven family welcomed the birth of their second daughter, Cheryl, in September of 1957, while stationed in Paris; and

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WHEREAS, Pete and Wanda Craven moved their family to Oak Ridge in 1957, where they lived until relocating to the Karns Community of Knoxville in 1964; they returned to Oak Ridge in 1976; and

WHEREAS, conscientious members of their community, Mr. and Mrs. Craven have generously dedicated their time and energies to the betterment of the Oak Ridge community, serving as volunteers in numerous civic organizations; and

WHEREAS, they are the epitome of kind neighbors and friends, and have always endeavored to treat others as they would like to be treated; and

WHEREAS, Pete and Wanda Craven are deeply devoted to their family, and have always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, this couple's praiseworthy marriage has produced two loving daughters, Vicky and Cheryl; seven grandchildren, Seth, Josh, Melissa, Shannon, Travis, Jordan, and Alex; and one great-grandson, Matthew; and

WHEREAS, the Cravens are fond of their Chocolate Labrador, Brandy, who is considered a member of the family; and

WHEREAS, for fifty years, this union has endured to serve as a testament to the power of love and family; and

WHEREAS, Pete and Wanda Craven will be honored at a reception given by their children at the Oak Ridge Mall Grand Ball Room on June 16, 2002; during the celebration, Pete and Wanda Craven will renew their vows; and

WHEREAS, marriages such as theirs represent the best of our society, as they remind us of the beauty and value of continuity and commitment; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby honor and congratulate Pete and Wanda Craven on the celebration of their fiftieth wedding anniversary and extend to them our best wishes for much continued happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.